

St Oswald's CE Primary School and Nursery

March 2026

Message from the Headteacher, Mr A Hackley

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again it has been a very busy half term. I loved seeing the entrants for the 'Book in a Jar' competition – the children (and possibly parents) showed wonderful creativity. The book focussed activities during the day helped remind everyone that there is a life beyond screens and I heard the bell for 'stop, drop and read' many times during the day and saw everyone reading a book.

This weekend is Mothering Sunday and it is a special time to show appreciation for all of the people who care for us with love, patience and kindness.

Mothering Sunday is not only about mothers, but also about all of those who play a mother-like role in our lives. This includes grandmothers (great grandmothers), step-parents, aunties, family friends and everyone else who offers love, guidance and comfort when we need it most. These are the people who cheer us on, help us grow and make sure we feel safe and valued. I hope that we all remember to say 'thank you' to all of the 'mothers' in our lives.

It was wonderful to see the Year 4 children lead the Easter Service in school – they all spoke with confidence and reminded us that Easter is not just about chocolate eggs but a time for hope and to show how much we care. Many thanks to the children, staff and to the parents who came to support their children.

On behalf of all at St Oswald's, I wish you all a peaceful break and look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday April 13th.

Mr A Hackley

Our vision is to:

OUR VISION

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"I came so that they may have life and life to its fullest" John 10:10

Our main port of communication is via **Arbor In-App Messages** – please allow notifications on your device, to ensure you receive essential communication sent out. Emergency communication will still be via phone or text.

Christian Values

Our Christian value this half term is
'Courage'



'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7.12



Time to reflect:

Often we show respect to someone by the way we speak to them. What do you think this means in practice?

Do you treat one another's possessions with respect? How do you show it?

Think of some practical ways that you show respect to each other in your family.

DEFINITION OF SPIRITUALITY

Spirituality at St Oswald's is about making meaningful connections. This can evoke positive emotions within us such as: **thankfulness**, **feeling at peace**, **feelings of awe and wonder**, **contentment** and a **sense of belonging to something bigger than ourselves**.

Attendance and Attendance Awards

Our whole school attendance for the month of
March 2025

Our school target is 96%

Reception	95.32 %
Year 1	94.91 %
Year 2	92.71 %
Year 3	96.87 %
Year 4	96.53 %
Year 5	94.21 %
Year 6	87.31 %



Attendance Ladder



Attendance winners: Well Done to Year 3

Diary Dates

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date and Time	Event
Monday 13 th April 8.35am	Schools open for Summer 1 Term
Thursday 16 th April	September Reception Class Places Offered
Monday 20 th April	Y4 - Outdoor Day Wolverley
Tuesday 21 st April	Park Run Event at School
Monday 27 th April	Cricket Engagement Day
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 11 th May	SATS Assessments and Mental Health Awareness Week
Friday 15 th May	Y1 – Think Tank Trip
Thursday 21 st May	Census Day - Special Lunch Menu

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – Summer Term 1

From Monday 13th May to Friday 22nd May 2026 inclusive.

Date and Time	Event
Mondays 3.15pm Excluding Bank Holiday	Run Club – Y3, 4, 5 & 6
Wednesdays 3.15pm	Multiskills – Y1, 2 & 3
Fridays 3.15pm	Athletics – Y4, 5 & 6



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St Oswald's CE Primary School Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn Term 2025

TED Day 1	Monday 1 st September 2025
TED Day 2	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
DoWMAT TED Day	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
School reopens	8.35am Thursday 4 th September 2025
Half term	Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st October 2025
School reopens	8.35am Monday 3 rd November
School closes	3.15pm Friday 19 th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

TED Day 3	Monday 5 th January 2026
School reopens	8.35am Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half term	Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th February 2026
School reopens	8.35am Monday 23 rd February 2026
School closes	3.15pm Friday 27 th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

School reopens	8.35am Monday 13 th April 2026
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
School closes	3.15pm Friday 23 rd May 2026
Half term	Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May 2026
School reopens	8.35am Monday 1 st June 2026
TED Day 4	Monday 19 th June 2026
School closes	3.15pm Friday 17 th July 2026
TED Day 5	Monday 20 th July 2026

Add a Story!

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Our Learning in Nursery

This month our topic has been 'I wonder who is making that noise'. The children in nursery have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and have learnt lots about animals and their habitats. This week we had an extra special visit from Critterish All sorts. He brought in a range of animals but the children's favourite were Bully the Snake and Stitch the Skunk.

This Month, we held a special Mothers Day forest school session where some of the parents were able to join us, they took part in planting, singing and we welcomed them back to nursery for a cake made by their children.

To end the term, we have focused on Easter. The children have made chocolate Easter nests, Bunny hats, Easter cards, stained glass crosses and have had hot cross buns.



When we return for the summer term our new topic is 'I wonder what is in the garden'. We plan on doing lots of planting and exploring nature by mini beast hunting and talking about life cycles of some of the insects/animals we might find in the garden.

Our Learning in Reception Class

This month we have done lots of our learning outdoors, making the most of the sunny weather and exploring all the signs of the new season, Spring. This has linked nicely with our current topic 'I wonder what hatched'. We have explored reptiles, mammals and birds within this topic understanding which animals lay eggs and which animals don't. We have celebrated Mothers' Day with our loved ones, encouraged a love of reading through World Book Day, and supported children who are less fortunate by wearing red for Comic Relief. Not only that but we have also been learning about the Easter story and creating our own Easter gardens. In maths we are continuing to explore numbers between 5 and 10. Looking for different ways we can make them is always fun. In PE we have been focussing on our spatial awareness.



Next month, we will be continuing our number work. We will be exploring shapes further and the different ways to see them and building on our fantastic phonics learning to develop into more fluent readers.

Our Learning in Year 1

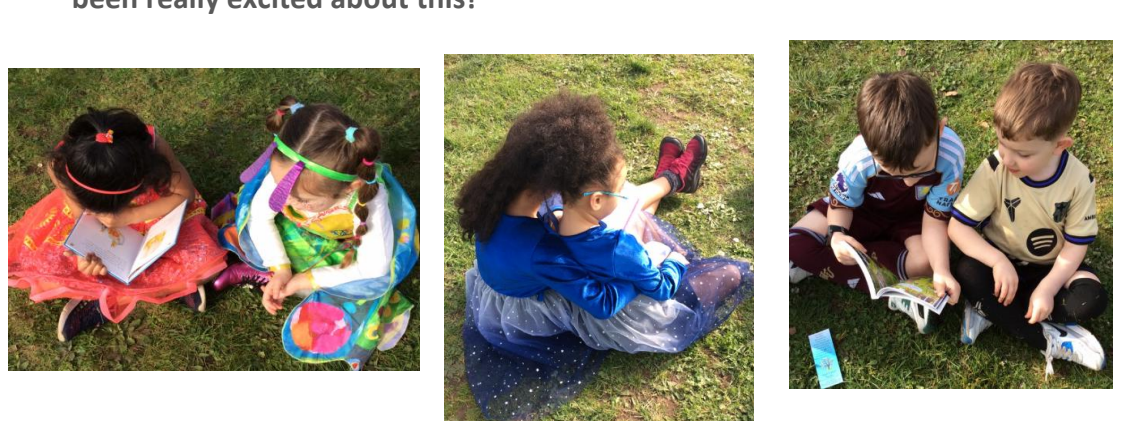
This month we have been learning all about the space race to the moon! We have used timelines to help us put key events in order. We have learnt more about the life of Neil Armstrong. In our PE lessons we have also been following the theme of space through our yoga lessons. The children have developed and then shared their yoga space sequences. Our writing lessons have been focussed on 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. We have tried hard to choose good adjectives to describe what it would be like to land on the moon. In maths, we have been using tens and ones to understand how 2-digit numbers are made and written. And, in our science lessons, we have been learning about plants. We have planted seeds and bulbs and grown cress to find out what plants need to grow. We have investigated which wild plants grow around the school.



Next month, we will be learning all about London! We will learn where it is located within the four countries of the United Kingdom and about its significance as a capital city. We will learn about its physical and human features, in particular, the River Thames and some famous landmarks. Our story writing will be inspired by 'The Queens Hat' by Steve Antony. In maths, we will begin to use apparatus to understand multiplication and division.

Our Learning in Year 2

This month, we have been exploring twisted fairy tales, where the children have enjoyed reimagining traditional stories with surprising changes. Alongside this, we have been focusing on constructing correctly punctuated sentences and are beginning to write more complex sentences. In maths, we looked at the topic of money, and the children explored real life word problems. In History, we finished our topic on Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. We have now moved on to our Geography topic, "United Kingdom." During this topic, the children will be developing their map skills, using atlases, and exploring the human and physical features of the UK. In science, we have moved onto our new topic of plants and have already set up an experiment, planting broad bean seeds to see if they will grow in different conditions. The children have been really excited about this!



Next month we will be continuing our focus on correctly punctuated sentences in literacy, while also giving the children the opportunity to compose their own twisted tales inspired by the stories we have been exploring. In Geography, we will be finishing our topic on the United Kingdom, exploring the capital cities and their population. In Maths, we will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes, learning about their properties and how to recognise and describe different shapes. In science, we will be finishing our topic of plants and moving on to our new topic of Animals including Humans. After Easter, we will have forest school where the children will be learning new skills and enjoying our outdoor area. In PE, they will be developing their skills for our summer of athletics.

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Our Learning in Year 3

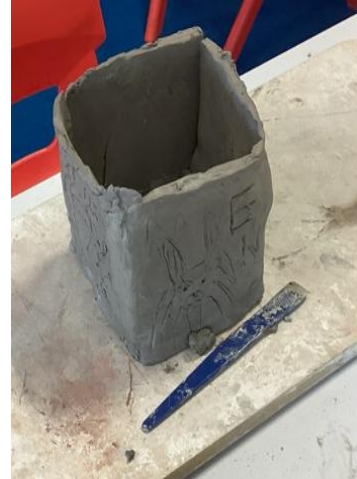
This month we have been developing our understanding of the unit of time in maths. We have started our new book of 'The Street Beneath our Feet' and have written an informative poster on the three types of rock and an informative written text about fossils. In science, we have been exploring plants and what we have on our school grounds and in DT we had a go at making bridges out of spaghetti and marshmallows.



Next month, we will be moving onto our next narrative text in English with 'The secret of Black Rock' and start to look at pictograms and bar models in maths. In geography, we will be exploring climate change and in science, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge on plants.

Our Learning in Year 4

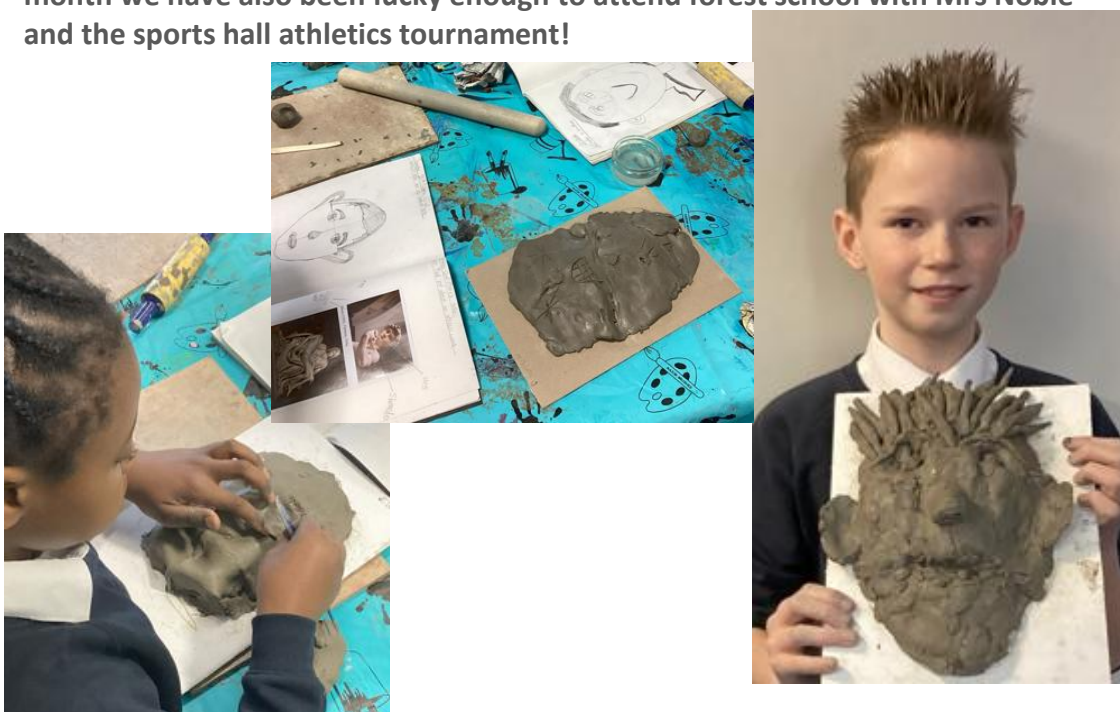
This month we have written our own fairy tales set in Ancient Egyptian times! The children really enjoyed this topic, and their final writes were fantastic! In maths we are continuing to practice times tables and have completed a unit on time. We have started to look at equivalent fractions too! In art we have designed and made our Egyptian inspired clay pots. They look amazing!



Next month, we will be moving onto a non-fiction writing unit focusing on digestion. In maths we will continue to learn about fractions and practise our times tables. We will be looking at earthquakes and volcanoes in geography and also move on to our local history. After Easter we also welcome back Mrs Beastall-Lewis!

Our Learning in Year 5

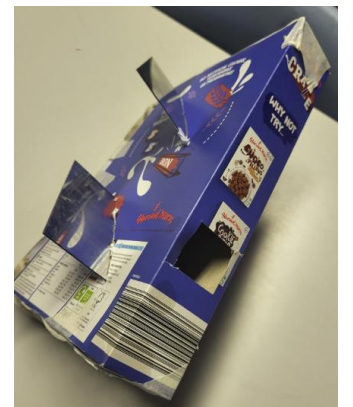
This month, we had a great time dressing up for World Book Day as different 'Literary Legends', writing our own stories and then sharing these with Reception. We have also created self portrait sculptures out of clay, thinking carefully about our features and the proportions of our faces. In English we have written stories based on receiving an exciting gift and are now exploring the Amazon rainforest using the book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell as our stimulus. In maths we have begun to learn about decimals, applying our addition and subtraction skills to when there are decimal numbers. This month we have also been lucky enough to attend forest school with Mrs Noble and the sports hall athletics tournament!



After Easter we will start our geography topic learning about the Ancient Greeks and will start learning about different life cycles in Science. We will finish our explorer stories and begin learning what a percentage is in maths.

Our Learning in Year 6

This month, we have been learning all about geometry in maths, including angles that can be solved without the use of protractors. We have practised using protractors to draw accurate triangles and quadrilaterals. We have found out about the parts of a circle and nets of 3D shapes. In English, we began our Titanic topic and wrote some excellent, emotive narratives about the sinking of the ship. In RE, we have found out about how Jesus resurrecting provides hope for Christians. In science, we made periscopes, using our learning about light and how it reflects. On World Book Day, we carried out a court case against the Big Bad Wolf! Half the class prosecuted the wolf, and half the class defended him. We even had a jury of four children who found the wolf... not guilty!



Next month, we will be preparing for our SATs tests by revising all of our maths and English learning. The children have also been provided with some 'Easter Revision' envelopes, in case they would like to do any over the Easter break. We will also start a new topic in history called The Ancient Civilisation of Benin.

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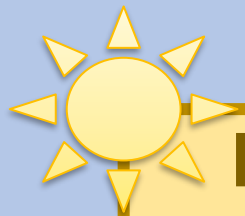
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Wraparound Care Provisions

Wraparound care provisions is a fun, nurturing environment with a range of enrichment activities tailored to the needs of the children. The children have the choice of free play which builds lovely new friendships. We offer toys, games, technology, relaxation, reading, role-play, outside play (weather permitting) and lots of seasonal arts and craft activities for your young person to enjoy.



Breakfast Club

We open our doors at 7.40am and charge £4.30 per session. You can drop at any time between 7.40 and 8.30am. Children can have a healthy breakfast of cereal, toast, bagel, fresh fruit and squash, making them ready for the school day ahead. Cut off for booking sessions will be 12 midday the day before.



After School Club

We close our doors at 5.30pm and charge £4.60 if collected by 4.30pm or £8.20 if collected by 5.30pm. You can collect any time between 3.30pm and 5.30pm, by ringing the bell at the side entrance to the back playground or by calling our wraparound mobile phone number 07507565364. Light healthy snacks are also provided in after school club. Cut off for booking sessions will be 12 midday for after school club on the same day.

Booking and Cancelling Wraparound for All Children - Nursery to Year 6

All wraparound sessions are booked via Arbor, our parent portal (unless your child is of nursery age): <https://st-oswalds-primary-school.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index> – you will find wraparound services under clubs and payment is due at the time of booking also through Arbor. If for any reason you need to cancel the session, you can do this on Arbor by cancelling before the days cut off time of 12 midday for After School Club the same day and Breakfast Club for the following day. This will give you a full refund.

Universal Credit and Nursery Funded Hours

We are more than happy to supply a letter of evidence of your child's attendance at wraparound. Our school's URN number is 144456, should you need to provide this. We can also accept funded nursery hours as childcare providers, should you need a little extra time before or after nursery hours. Please contact us on office@stoswalds.worcs.sch.uk should you need assistance. For more information please take a look at the Government website to assist with funding childcare up to 11 years old: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Late School Pick Up: If your child is still on school premises at 3.25pm, they will be taken across to after school club, where an admin charge of £4 will be added to the usual ASC charges.

Late Collection Fee: If your child is not collected by 5.30pm, when ASC closes, this is charged at £5.10 for every 5 minutes after. If you have booked for a 4.30pm collection and arrive after this time, you will be charged the 5.30pm cost (an additional £3.60) plus the admin fee of £4.

Unattended Booked Sessions (eg due to illness) will still be charged unless 24 hours notice has been given of the cancellation. This should be done via the Arbor app.

School Uniform

Our Commitment to Low-Cost Uniform – Unbranded is fine with us! Take a look at our Uniform Policy on our website for more information.

Autumn, Winter and Spring Uniform Options

- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress
- White plain polo shirt - White shirt for KS2
- St Oswald's navy-blue Crew Neck sweatshirt or navy blue sweat cardigan with embroidered logo (logo optional)
 - Black shoes (flat heeled, not trainers or high tops)
- Plain white, grey or black socks or plain grey or black tights
- St Oswald's school tie KS2 only

Summer Uniform Options Uniform as above, or:

- White school polo shirt
- Summer dress (blue and white check)
- Grey shorts can also be worn
- Summer caps for outdoor learning or play

PE Kit

- White t-shirt
- Navy skirt or shorts or skort
- Plain Navy-blue hoodie (no branding) for outdoor games
- Plain Navy-blue joggers (no branding)
- A named navy-blue pump bag for PE Kit
- Black pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors.

School Accessories

- A labelled water bottle.
- Navy-blue school reading book bag (plain or with logo)
- Elastic bands or scrunchies for longer than shoulder length hair.
- Jewellery should not be worn except for stud earrings or a watch.

Make up and Jewellery

- Make up must not be worn to school at all by children, this includes nail varnish or false nails.
- Jewellery must not be worn except for stud earrings or a watch. These must be removed for PE.
- As a Health and Safety measure, hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back from the face at all times. No extreme hair styles or colours are permissible.
- Please remove earrings for your child before they come to school, on PE days if they are unable to do this for themselves

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£12.99 – £15.99



St Oswald's Cardigan
£13.99 – £15.99

Pre-
Loved
£2

St Oswald's stocks pre-loved uniform in the office foyer. All items are £2 and you can get a great bargain. The money raised stays in our school and is used for things like books and play equipment for classes and communal areas. Payable using the Arbor app, under clubs – pre-loved uniform

Donate

If your child has outgrown their uniform or they are moving on, please donate their freshly washed uniform to our Pre-Loved sales via the office. In addition to the items pictured above we can also accept PE kits, shoes pumps/trainers, forest school items, coats and packaged underwear.

World Book Day



On Thursday 5th March it was World Book Day! The staff and children celebrated by dressing as a 'legendary' literary character or author. We were so impressed with everyone's costumes!

There was plenty of World Book Day fun to be had in school. Year 6 carried out a court case against the Big Bad Wolf, whilst Year 5 wrote stories to share with Reception. Year 4 even had a library hunt! There was buddy reading between classes too.

All of the children took part in the Sponsored Stop, Drop and Read (thank you to everyone who has donated!) and lots of them joined in with the 'Story in a Jar' competition. Mrs Buckley and Mr Hackley were blown away by the creativity of the jars and the effort that had clearly gone into making them. Well done to Ava (Y1), Mollie (Y4) and Caitlin (Y6) who were our winners!



Sports News

This month Year 5 took part in the Sportshall Athletics tournament against local schools. They showed great resilience and perseverance – well done Year 5!

The KS1 girls visited Wolverley High School to celebrate International Women's Day with a girls' football festival. Despite the chilly morning, they threw themselves into the event with enthusiasm.

Finally, the Year 5 and 6 netball team played in the tournament in Stourport. They came away with a **fantastic second place** in the small schools' league! A huge thank you to Miss Ratcliffe and Mrs Wilding for training the team at netball club on a Wednesday after school and for giving up their time for the tournament.



Community Information



All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged between 5-8 years old. They will have 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills!

Dynamos Cricket provides a perfect introduction to Cricket for all 8-11 year olds! Dynamos is all about fun and provides children with a more social offer, focusing on the skills to play the game.

Find your nearest All Stars & Dynamos programme using the link below!



<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Search>



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SPECIAL FESTIVAL!

JESUS THE KING!



**FREE
EVENT!**

Crafts, activities,
singing, story, for all
ages!

St John's Church,
Bewdley Road,
DY116RL

3PM-4.30PM
SUNDAY 29 MARCH

SPECIAL FESTIVAL!

Join us for a joint **Messy Church** and **POP-up-Church** celebration at St John's Church DY116RL at **3pm on Palm Sunday 29th March.**

Crafts, activities, story and iSing-POP singing and dancing to mark the beginning of Holy Week!

On **Tuesday 31st March** you're invited to a celebration of Easter at **St Barnabas' Hall DY115JW** at **10am**. There'll be Easter crafts and activities, singing and story. **FREE** event, and all ages welcome.

**CROSS
TO CELEBRATION**

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH
10AM-12NOON
ST BARNABAS' HALL, FRANCHE, DY11 5JW

*Easter crafts and activities
singing and story
refreshments*

**FREE EVENT
ALL AGES WELCOME**



Wednesday @ 1.30pm!



The Praise Maze family service

The Praise Maze
Easter special -
Wednesday
1st April, 1.30pm-
3pm in Holy
Innocents' Church
DY116LA.

Easter special of our
family service for
little ones – singing,
puppets, story,
bubbles,
snacks. Activities
offered for older
siblings.

Good Friday
3rd April – New Life
at Easter! **10am-**
12noon at St
Peter's Church
DY117EJ.

Messy Church fun
with crafts,
activities,
refreshments and
an Easter
story. This event is
free and all ages
are welcome.

SPECIAL FESTIVAL!

NEW LIFE AT
EASTER





FREE EVENT!

Crafts, activities,
singing, story, for all
ages!

St Peter's Church,
Birchen Coppice,
DY117EJ

10AM-12NOON
FRIDAY 3 APRIL

SPECIAL FESTIVAL!

Family-Friendly
Church Service

New Life!

Sunday 5th April 2026
9.30am-10.30am
Holy Innocents' Church, DY116LA

Holy Communion service with toddler area, children's activities, singing, and refreshments.

WELCOME

All welcome!
Got questions?
Email
teamvicar.kwtm@gmail.com

Come and celebrate **Easter Day** on **Sunday 5th April 9.30am** at **Holy Innocents' Church DY116LB** with a family friendly service celebrating new life!



We are keen to make our families' events as inclusive and accessible as possible. If you or your child have additional needs and you'd like to chat about how we can best make you welcome, please do get in touch:

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